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By ECF

The Honorable Frederic Block
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Rafael Caro Quintero
Criminal Case No. 15-208 (S-3) (FB)

Dear Judge Block:

The government respectfully submits this letter to inform the Court and the defense that the Attorney General has authorized and directed this Office not to seek the death penalty against the defendant Rafael Caro Quintero.

Respectfully submitted,

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